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Good Morning—  
Knowledge is the treasure, but  
judgment the treasurer of the wise  
man.—William Penn.

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## ENCOUNTERS A CYCLONE FIVE MILES UP; LABOR CONDEMNS SHIP SUBSIDY BILL

### BALLOONIST HAS NARROW ESCAPE IN A CHUTE JUMP

**Evening Hangs Out New  
Record, But Nearly  
Loses His Life**

### OXYGEN TANK FAILED Lands 25 Miles From Where He Left the Plane

(By Associated Press)  
Dayton, Ohio, June 13.—Lashed by a 120-mile-an-hour gale, more than four and a half miles above earth, on the verge of exhaustion, caused by loss of his oxygen tank and compelled to cling to the straps attached to a parachute for fear that a whirling cross might weaken and cause him to break, are several of the details related today by Captain A. W. Stevens, aerial photographer, McCook field, who yesterday set the world's parachute jumping record when he descended 24,206 feet.

The fact that it was Captain Stevens' first "drop" tends to make his achievement one of the most remarkable in the history of aviation. He suffered no ill effects from his hazardous descent.

The plane in which Captain Stevens ascended, a twin-motored Martin bomber, piloted by Lieutenant Leigh Wade, broke the world's altitude record for this particular type of ship, carrying three passengers and attaining a ceiling of 24,206 feet.

Sergeant Roy Langham was a third member of the party.

Captain Stevens was reluctant to discuss details of his experience.

For a long time I have wanted to make a parachute drop," he said, "in order to obtain first-hand information as to the sensations one has. I am highly gratified to think I was able to bring another record to McCook field.

When the plane reached the ceiling I made ready to jump. As near as I could judge we were over Springfield, Ohio. Bidding my pals good-by I jumped.

The opening of the parachute and the oxygen tank to become free from its fastenings on the plane. Grasping it with both hands, I endeavored to regulate the wind, which was traveling at a speed of 120 miles per hour, whipping the parachute around like a cat. I was forced to use both hands on the ropes and straps which held me to the chute, in an effort to keep it from oscillating, which threatened to break the supports. It was then that I lost the tank. I think it fell somewhere near Springfield.

It was an experience I shall never forget. Before settling down to the regular weekly luncheon at the Hotel James. All were called on for short talks, and some splendidly humorous talks were made. The trend of the serious portions of the speeches was that what Florida needed just now was a state-wide Rotary spirit that would permit of legislation at Tallahassee that is for the benefit of the entire state, and the elimination of the selfish interests of the western section of the state.

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### British Public Believe Peace a Certainty Now

(By Associated Press)  
London, June 13.—The equanimity with which both parliament and press received the postponement until Thursday of Colonial Secretary Churchill's statement on the Irish situation is taken as an indication of general confidence that, after the successive crisis, practically all difficulties have been smoothed away and the draft of the Irish constitution has been brought into harmony with the Anglo-Irish treaty.

Michael Collins' arrival in London was expected to mark the seal of a final understanding. His presence is necessary in such an event, as he is the head of the provisional free state government. Arthur Griffith, who has been conducting the negotiations here, being merely president of the Dail Eireann and not empowered to complete an agreement.

Upon his arrival, Mr. Collins declined to discuss the situation other than to express the opinion that it was "very hopeful."

### FIVE BANDITS IN MEXICO KILLED IN A TRAIN HOLDUP

**Train Was Carrying Big  
Shipment of Silver  
Bullion**

(By Associated Press)  
Nogales, Arizona, June 13.—Five bandits were killed and three wounded in an attempt to hold up a train of the Southern Pacific de Mexico near Rosales, Mexico, late Saturday, according to a conductor who arrived today.

The men were members of a band of 25 Mexican bandits who attacked the train carrying a shipment of 29 bars of bullion valued at \$29,000. The other bandits fled without loot.

The five were killed and three others wounded by General Rodriguez, military governor of Nayarit, his aide and chauffeur, who were passengers on the train.

### Negro Identified as Slayer of Man on Richmond Car

(By Associated Press)  
Richmond, Va., June 13.—The police announced today that A. L. Huband, street car motorman, has identified Robert Crosby, negro, as the slayer of Loren H. Burleson, trolley conductor who was stabbed to death Sunday when a band of negroes attacked him after he ejected a black from his car. Crosby, who is being held in jail, without bail, according to the police, declares he can prove an alibi. An inquest into the killing will be held by the coroner today.

### Rotes Entertain Capital Removal Board Directors

Members of the board of directors of the Florida Capital Removal association were guests today at the regular weekly luncheon at the Hotel James. All were called on for short talks, and some splendidly humorous talks were made. The trend of the serious portions of the speeches was that what Florida needed just now was a state-wide Rotary spirit that would permit of legislation at Tallahassee that is for the benefit of the entire state, and the elimination of the selfish interests of the western section of the state.

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### CIVILIZATION OF WORLD RESTS ON ARMY SAYS WEEKS

**Cites Example of Boston  
Police Force During  
Big Strike**

**TALKS TO WEST POINT**

Restraining Force Is as  
Necessary Now as It  
Ever Was

(By Associated Press)  
West Point, N. Y., June 13.—As-ertions that the United States does not need an army were met by Secretary Weeks of the war department in an address at the graduating exercises of the United States Military academy today with the statement that "the civilization of the world rests on no surer foundation than did the civilization of Boston" at the time of the police strike nearly three years ago.

"If it were not for the restraining force of the military establishments of the nations of the world," he declared, "an indescribable state of chaos would result and civilization would be rapidly exterminated through self-destruction."

To say that the United States does not need an army, he added, is just as reasonable as to say that "Boston, Chicago and our other large cities do not need a police force."

The question of the size of the army, he declared, would always be a matter of controversy, especially after a great war there is "an alarming tendency for the overburdened taxpayer to forget the lessons of the past and cancel his insurance, trusting to luck for at least a few years without the national protection which those more familiar with military matters and requirements deem necessary. But there is no question, he added, or difference of opinion as to its quality.

"If it does not consist of more than a thousand men," he continued, "it should be an army of the best possible thousand men which can be developed. But you cannot have the best army, or even a good army, however sound the individual elements which compose it may be, unless it is efficiently commanded."

### France Will Send a Delegation to the Hague Conference

(By Associated Press)  
Paris, June 13.—France will be represented at the conference at The Hague on Russian affairs by a group of experts, the cabinet decided today. The idea of having Charles Benoist, the minister at The Hague, take part in the preliminary conference was abandoned.

### WARD WILL NOT RETURN TO WESTCHESTER SOON

(By Associated Press)  
Williamsport, Pa., June 13.—Geo. S. Ward, father of Walter S. Ward, for whom a subpoena was issued to secure his attendance before the Westchester county grand jury to testify in the investigation of the slaying of Clarence Peters by his son today, said he would not return to New York state at present.

**TO INVESTIGATE DEATH**  
(By Associated Press)  
Pana, Ill., June 13.—Relatives of Miss Ora Belle Ridgley, once known as the wealthiest woman in central Illinois and reported recently to have had \$110,000, have begun an investigation of her death last Tuesday in Hot Springs, Ark. It was said no trace could be found of her money and jewels and members of the family charge she was slain and robbed.

### Have School Now to Train Agents of Prohi Forces

(By Associated Press)  
Philadelphia, June 13.—Prohibition "wet" and "dry" at a class in "Volsteadism" being conducted in the office of John W. Davis, director of prohibition in Pennsylvania.

Director Davis' school is for the purpose of instructing his agents in the rudiments of obtaining evidence against the violators of the prohibition law.

Explaining the two groups of agents are divided into two classes agents, Director Davis said:

"We have agents of our force who never drank. Again we have others who do drink. The latter are essential to the department to obtain evidence.

"Agents who never drank are not compelled to drink while in the service. And there is where the wet agent comes into his own. By sending out teams of 'wet' and 'dry' enforcers, the agent who drinks can buy the liquor and the dry men can witness the sale, thereby furnishing the corroborative evidence required by the government to constitute an illegal sale of liquor."

### DEATH LIST FROM BIG STORM GROWS WITH NEW REPORT

**Forty-Five Bodies Are  
Recovered, Sixteen  
Are Missing**

(By Associated Press)  
New York, June 13.—The death list resulting from the cyclonic storm that smashed and swirled its way through New York and its suburbs Sunday evening continues to grow. The known dead now total 45, with 16 other persons reported missing. The police launches continued to grapple today for bodies of those still missing after the storm left Long Island sound off City island strewn with wrecked and capsized boats. At least forty visitors to City island were drowned in the disaster and the police are convinced that the death list will reach as high as 70. It will be days before the total loss of life will be known.

The property damage resulting from the twisting winds runs into millions. Electric light and power lines were destroyed for miles, as the poles bearing the cables snapped in the blasts. The loss from plate glass is only exceeded by the Black Tom explosion, according to insurance companies covering such risks.

### Yacht With Wealthy California Party May Be Destroyed

(By Associated Press)  
Panama, June 13.—Considerable concern is felt here for the safety of the steam yacht Invader, which passed through the canal on March 25, bound for Cocos island, with Mr. and Mrs. John Percival and a party of wealthy friends from Los Angeles on board. The vessel is equipped with a wireless sending outfit having a working radius of 500 miles.

### Four Lives May Have Been Lost on Lakes Sunday

(By Associated Press)  
Bracebridge, Ontario, June 13.—Four lives may have been lost on the Muskoka lakes during the storm on Sunday. Charles Draper and three sons left Gravenhurst for their home in Bracebridge on Sunday evening. When they did not arrive Mrs. Draper gave the alarm and boats at once set out to conduct a search.

### CAPITAL REMOVAL OR DIVISION OF STATE QUESTION

**South Florida Stands for  
Division as the Easiest  
Way**

**DIRECTORS ARE SPLIT**

May Leave Entire Matter  
Up to the State Con-  
vention

That a division of the state is preferable to capital removal was the almost unanimous sentiment expressed at the meeting today of members of the executive committee of the Capital Removal Association in session here today. Twelve of the seventeen directors were present. They were: George H. Wilder, Plant City, president; J. W. Hart, Palatka, secretary; W. B. Dobson, of Brevard county, J. J. Parrish, Brevard, Frederick Van Roy, Citrus, T. M. Shackleford, Hillsborough, J. H. Humphries, of Manatee, W. T. Gary, of Marion, R. F. Maguire, of Orange, Dr. J. V. Sutton of Osceola, F. A. Pettibone, of Palm Beach, George R. Hilly, Junnam and J. H. Lord, of Sarasota.

The morning session began at 10:30 and adjourned at 12:30 after a rather heated discussion as to the next move to be made by the organization, which followed the transaction of routine business. J. W. Hart was elected permanent secretary.

The debate started when T. M. Shackleford, of Tampa, offered a resolution that a convention of the association be called at an early date at some place to be determined by the board for the purpose of sounding out sentiment of the people as to whether they preferred capital removal or state division. There was no second to the motion, those present taking the position that the motion was out of order, that the organization was formed for the purpose of seeking capital removal, and for no other purpose.

Mr. Shackleford spoke at some length on why he thought that capital removal is out of the question, and why state division can be more easily secured. He said that sentiment in south Florida is almost solid for state division, but that there seems to be general apathy at capital removal, as evidenced by the meeting today, and even Palatka people did not seem to be interested, as there wasn't a single citizen present, except those on the committee.

Dr. Sutton, of Kissimmee, said, frankly that he believed his people very much interested in state division but cared nothing for capital removal. Mr. Pettibone, of Palm Beach and Mr. Maguire, of Orange took the same view. But all agreed that while there might be a preponderance of sentiment for state division that the board had no right to switch the organization off on to that issue.

The debate was still in progress when adjournment was taken for luncheon.

### Nashville Pastors Hot on Trail of a University Teacher

(By Associated Press)  
Nashville, June 13.—Unless Prof. C. W. Davis, a member of the faculty of Union University, a Baptist institution at Jackson, Tenn., is eliminated from its teaching staff or declares publicly his renunciation of the evolution theory all financial or moral support of the Nashville Baptist pastors conference will be withdrawn from the institution, according to resolutions adopted by the conference. The resolutions declared the evolution theory dangerous and destructive.

### Northern Baptists Meet in Convention at Indianapolis, Ind.

(By Associated Press)  
Indianapolis, June 13.—With the wheels of the fifteenth annual convention of the Northern Baptist churches gaining momentum, everything was in readiness for the opening of the convention here tomorrow. Continuation of board meetings, which occupied most of the time of the delegates yesterday were on the program for today.

The "Fundamentalists"—those who believe in literal interpretation of the Bible—were said to be gaining strength and will hold a pre-convention meeting this afternoon. The "fundamentalists" it was said would present a creed to the convention, which if ratified would make serious changes in the present belief of the Northern Baptist churches.

Although no definite announcement was made concerning the attendance of William J. Bryan, former secretary of state, it was believed he would arrive before the meeting of the fundamentalists was concluded.

### DUVAL MAN SAYS HE SHOT BELL IN DEFENSE OF HOME

**Gang Was Marching to  
His House When He  
Fired**

(By Associated Press)  
Jacksonville, June 13.—Stating that he had shot David T. Bell, Jr., 21, of Otis, Fla., in the defense of his home, John Sadler, 48, farmer, of Whitehouse, yesterday morning surrendered to Sheriff R. E. Merritt.

Sadler stated that Bell was with a party of men which fired a number of shots into his home before he returned the fire, the charge from his shotgun striking Bell in the chest and abdomen.

**Heard Call From Road.**

In his story of the shooting, Sadler said some time after his family retired Saturday night he heard someone calling from the road in front of his house, asking for information concerning the Gainesville highway.

"I recognized Crawford's voice," Sadler said, "and I knew Crawford was familiar with the Gainesville road. I became suspicious and would not answer."

Sadler says the man continued to call him, and when he did not reply, the man called Mrs. Sadler, and she, too, remained silent. Sadler says the night was clear and he plainly saw the figures of the men in an automobile near his house.

**Four Shots Fired.**

"Four shots were then fired from the machine," Sadler said. "The shots were fired from a shotgun and struck the house and the barn."

After the shots were fired, Sadler said, the men drove off the road a short distance and stopped.

They left the car, he said, and started back toward his house. It was then Sadler said he secured his shotgun and crept out to his barn. Sadler said Bell was leading the other men. He claimed they approached very close to the barn and again opened fire upon him. "It was then I returned their fire," Sadler said, "and Bell was wounded."

### THREE DEAD IN FIRE

Norfolk, Va., June 13.—Three persons are dead as a result of a fire near Burton's station, in Princess Anne county early today. John Cotton, a negro, and two young children were the victims. Cotton died of burns received when he attempted to rescue the children from the home.

### EXPLOSION KILLS FOUR

Detroit, June 13.—Explosion of an ammonia tank at the Parker-Webb Packing Co., here today killed four employees and damaged the plant so badly it will be closed down for several days.

### IS INIMICAL TO INTEREST OF PUBLIC AS MARINE PLAN

**Is Destructive of Nation's  
Hope for Her Sea  
Power**

**TO WIRE HOUSE LEADERS**

European Labor Affairs  
Claiming Convention's  
Attention Also

(By Associated Press)  
Cincinnati, June 13.—The ship subsidy bill now pending in congress was condemned in a resolution adopted unanimously by the American Federation of Labor today as inimical to the public interest and destructive of the nation's hope for sea power. The convention voted to wire a protest to congressional leaders against a favorable report of the bill by the committee.

**Harding Stands for It.**

Washington, June 13.—President Harding notified Chairman Campbell of the house rule committee today unless the ship subsidy bill is passed prior to adjournment he would feel obligated to call a special session solely for its consideration.

Under date of May 26 the president wrote "so much is involved and such a difficult and discouraging situation will follow if congress fails to sanction the merchant marine bill that I should feel myself obligated to call congress immediately in extra session to especially consider it if it went over through any neglect or delay of the present term."

Cincinnati, June 13.—Although confronted with many problems, delegates to the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor turned their attention today to European labor affairs, the program calling for addresses by British labor leaders, who were sent to this country as fraternal delegates from the British trades union congress.

From the messages of the foreign leaders, the convention delegates expected to learn policies, practiced abroad, that might be applied in this country, and also be informed of the labor movement abroad, especially in the aspects applicable to both American and European labor.

Aside from attending the convention as delegates, chiefs of the rail unions that are about to take a strike vote plan a series of meetings this week to consider various questions before beginning a canvas of the strike vote.

### NEW PARACHUTE RECORD

(By Associated Press)  
Dayton, Ohio, June 13.—Captain A. W. Stevens, aerial photographer, McCook field, established a new parachute jumping record yesterday when he descended 24,206 feet to safety, officials of the field announced last night. Another record was broken at the same time, when Lieutenant Leigh Wade piloted a twin-motored Martin bomber, carrying three passengers, to an altitude of 24,206 feet, it was announced.

### UNION MINERS ENJOINED FROM MORE INTERFERING

(By Associated Press)  
Columbus, Ohio, June 13.—Temporary injunction restraining the United Mine Workers in Harrison and Jefferson counties from interfering with the coal stripping operations in the two counties was granted by Federal Judge Sater, it became known today.